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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE'S EFFECT ON ROMANIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY
FACILITY

REF: MUNICH 0676

1. SUMMARY. EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO ROMANIAN NATIONAL PHYSICS
CENTER WAS RELATIVELY SLIGHT. THERE WAS AND PRESENTLY
IS NO REPEAT NO DANGER OF RADIOACTIVE LEAKS. END SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL PHYSICS CENTER AT COMUNA MAGURELE, ABOUT
30 KM, SW OF BUCHAREST, IS LARGE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL
CENTER FOR ALL ASPECTS OF PHYSICS. THE CENTER COMPRISES
HEADQUARTERS AND LABORATORIES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR
NUCLEAR ENERGY; THE (RECENTLY REORGANIZED) INSTITUTE OF
ATOMIC PHYSICS; THE INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS; THE DEPARTMENT
OF PHYSICS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST; AND A SPECIALIZED
PHYSICS HIGH SCHOOL. THE "CAMPUS" HAS A DESIGNED CAPACITY FOR
5000 PEOPLE AND NOW HOLDS ABOUT 2500 RESEARCHERS AND
STUDENTS.

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3. ELECTRONICS LABORATORIES ON TOP FLOOR OF INSTITUTE
OF ATOMIC PHYSICS WERE BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE FED BY
RUPTURE OF BOTTLED-OXYGEN LINES AND VALVES IN
LAB DURING MARCH 4 EARTHQUAKE. THE MULTISTORIED
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WAS LATER EVACUATED ALSO AS
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE PENDING MORE EXHAUSTIVE

STRUCTURAL CHECK. NO OTHER DAMAGE REPORTED.

4. THE CENTER'S NUCLEAR REACTOR, AN OPEN-POOL TEACHING REACTOR SIMILAR TO ONES COMMONLY IN USE IN LARGER AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES (SUCH AS UNIV. OF MARYLAND), WAS TOTALLY UNAFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND CONTINUES IN OPERATION. NO DAMAGE TO ANY RADIOACTIVE EQUIPMENT OR MATERIAL WAS SUSTAINED.

5. ROMANIAN ACADEMY MEMBER CIORESCU, THE RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PHYSICS CENTER, WAS KILLED ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY WHEN THEIR HOME IN BUCHAREST COLLAPSED DURING THE EARTHQUAKE.

6. THE SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE REPORT WAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF TODAY BY A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY.
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